

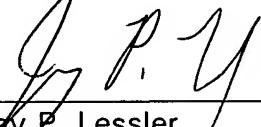
REMARKS

Reconsideration and re-issuance of U.S. Patent No. 5,565,109 ("the '109 Patent"), in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

As discussed in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the accompanying Reissue Application Declaration and Power of Attorney, the claims of the '109 Patent as modified by the Reexamination Certificate (3940th) are broader than the original claims of the '109 Patent. Claims 14 and 16, the only independent claims now in the '109 Patent, have been amended to have the same or narrower scope than the original claims of the '109 Patent. More specifically, claims 14 and 16 have been amended to require that the N-hydrogen compound is directly added to the circulating water slurry before or after the addition of the slimicide or with the slimicide in a mixture consisting essentially of the slimicide and the N-hydrogen compound. This limitation is found in original claims 1 and 13 of the '109 Patent. Claims 2-4, 8, 11, 12, and 14-16 are pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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